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THE ELEMENTS OF JURISPRUDENCE. By Thomas Erskine Holland. Twelfth Edition. Pp. xxv, 454. New York: Oxford University Press, 1917.

Professor Holland's text-book on Jurisprudence is so well known; its reputation so thoroughly established that an extended review of the twelfth edition just issued from the Oxford University Press seems hardly necessary. The learned author states, however, that this text may be regarded as final, and as a consequence there is evidence of careful thought in producing a text which, in so far as it presents the author's views, may be regarded as word perfect. In the notes and occasionally in the text will be found changes suggested by the recent literature on jurisprudence and some material suggested by the great war now in progress. Legal methodology has a very slight appeal to the English and American Bar, hence it is somewhat to be regretted that the foremost systematic writer in our language should occasionally reduce his discussion to a degree of abstractness that has been complained of as dry. However, in no other form is there presented a comparative view of civil and common law, so compact and clear. Hence, to the student who is completing his studies and wishes to round them out, with a view of the law as a whole, this work will be most valuable, as it has, in fact, proved itself in the past.

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CASES ON LEGAL ETHICS. By George P. Costigan, Jr., Professor of Law in the Northwestern University. American Case-Book Series. West Publishing Co., 1917.

This case-book marks an epoch in the study of Legal Ethics. For the past ten or fifteen years, Bar Associations generally have been urging more methodical study of this important subject. In the last two or three years, tentative courses on the subject have been given, among other institutions, in the University of Pennsylvania Law School. Now for the first time, a case-book has been published in which some of the authorities have been conveniently collected for the use of both students and instructors in this subject. The author has made excellent use of the material including, in addition to numerous cases, on the one hand, the canons of the American Bar Association and the questions addressed to the New York Committee with their answers, and on the other hand including a number of references to authorities not in the form of judicial decisions. The general arrangement of the subject is that which is familiar to students of the subject; it has always seemed to the Reviewer that it would have assisted in clearness, had the canons of the American Bar Association been arranged in some more logical and helpful order.

An interesting item is the list of fifty resolutions written by David Hoffman, of the Baltimore Bar, in which many problems of Legal Ethics are stated in very concrete and useful form, though some, perhaps, would not be universally accepted at the present day. The canons of the American Bar Association are grouped together in an Appendix with a few annotations, which may render them more helpful. The Reviewer believes that the study of this subject is one which is going to claim more and more attention in the various Law Schools in the future.

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